



Welcome to the October edition of the Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

October Club Meeting - October 3rd, Stratford Town Center

Fall has arrived, and what a beautiful fall it is! We hope you've been enjoying the nice weather over the last few days. Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2023 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2022 and 2023 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last few months we've learned about alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, and HF antennas in the field. At this month's meeting, we'll be finalizing the flea market preparations and will be holding an internal equipment sale via silent auction.

In-Person Basic Course - September 11th, Canadian Red Cross, Charlottetown

The Basic Amateur course started September 11th and will be running to November 6th, 2023. Thanks to our dedicated teachers Brent, VY2HF, Bill, VY2WM, and Joel, VY2KW, the course is turning out to be another great success, this time with a record number of 18 students! The first round of exams will follow at the completion of the course, likely on Monday November 13th. The exam session will also be available for anyone wanting to improve their Basic score, or write the Advanced. As always, exams are free! Let Brent, VY2HF, know if you are interested in taking an exam.

NEAR-Fest - October 13th-14th, Deerfield, NH

The fall 2023 version of the New England Amateur Radio Festival will be held on 13-14 October 2023 at the Deerfield Fair Grounds near Manchester, New Hampshire. More information is at: <https://near-fest.com/>

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club - FLEA MARKET - October 21st, Sherwood Recreation Center

Mark October 21st in your calendar for the Charlottetown Amateur Radio Flea Market. It will be held at the Sherwood Recreation Center, on Maple Street, beside the Cody Banks arena. Vendors can reserve tables for \$10 each and can begin setting up at 9:00 a.m. Regular admission for buyers/attendees starts at 10:00 a.m. and cost will be \$2. The flea market will go until 1:00 pm., followed by one or more hands-on club activities. Tentative plans include our Morse code kit building session (finally!), and a fox hunt.

Meetings and Events Calendar - October

2: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

3: Monthly club meeting

4, 11, 18, 25: Wednesday night 2M nets, 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s).

5, 12, 19, 26: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000).

7, 14, 21, 28: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

Exam Standards Committee

RAC's exam review committee has been meeting regularly and is preparing a revision of the entire Basic question bank to ISED for review.

Future Events

3 October: Monthly CARC meeting, Stratford Town Center

21 October: CARC flea market, Sherwood Recreation Centre (see above for more details)

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.